

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re:	U.S. Patent No. 4,199,569
Issued.:	April 22, 1980
To:	John C. Chabala and Michael H. Fisher
For:	SELECTIVE HYDROGENATION PRODUCTS OF C-076 COMPOUNDS AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF

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APPLICATION FOR INTERIM EXTENSION OF PATENT
TERM UNDER 35 U.S.C. §156(e)(2)

Sir:

Your Applicant, Merck & Co., Inc. a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of New Jersey, represents that it is the assignee of the entire interest in and to Letters Patent of the United States No. 4,199,569 granted to John C. Chabala, and Michael H. Fisher on the 22nd day of April 1980 for SELECTIVE HYDROGENATION PRODUCTS OF C-076 COMPOUNDS AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF. Your Applicant, acting through its duly authorized attorney, hereby submits this application for interim extension of patent term under 35 USC§156(e)(2).

Applicants filed a request for the extension of U.S. Patent No. 4,199, 569 on 8 January 1997 within the period of time for doing so following the approval of the New Drug Application for STROMEKTOL®. The normal expiration date of the patent is 3 October 1997.

Applicants have received copies of communications from Ms. Karin Tyson of the USPTO to Mr. Ronald Wilson of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) dated 17 January 1997 confirming the patent expiration dates and from Mr.


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Ronald Wilson to Mr. Steven G. Kunin of the USPTO dated 7 March 1997 confirming the regulatory review period for STROMEKTOL®.

At this time, Applicants would like to apply for a one year interim extension of U.S. Patent 4,199,569 since there will be a six month comment period following the publication of the initial request for an extension of the patent term.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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